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THE DWELLING HOUSES OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. BY ALICE R. HUGER SMITH AND D. E. HUGER SMITH. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1917, pp. 387. With 128 Illustrations. Limited Edition.

The very name Charleston suggests charm, and charming indeed is this presentation of the quaint Southern seaport, by word picture, pencil-sketch, and photograph. To turn its pages, picking up bits of local history and stories of the people who have dwelt in these beautiful rooms with their carved chimney-pieces and cornices, their graceful, arched windows and fan-lights—who passed up and down this stately stair and through that picturesque gateway, or took the air on yonder alluring balcony, is the next thing to a ramble through the old town itself; for the book, like the place, has atmosphere.

It will be certain to prove a valuable aid in the study of Colonial architecture; its drawings will delight the artist, and the collector of Americana will find it an interesting addition to his library.

It is handsomely printed and bound and has a carefully prepared index.

ENGLISH ANCESTRAL HOMES OF NOTED AMERICANS. BY ANNE HOLLINGSWORTH WHARTON, with 29 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. MCMXV, pp. 286.

Many books have taken us on journeys to Colonial and other historic homes of America, but Miss Wharton, in this attractive volume, makes a new departure and leads her readers across the Atlantic to the English homes of our forefathers.

An introductory chapter graphically describes her landing at Plymouth, England, in July 1914, during the last days of peace on earth. "A Day with the Pilgrim Fathers," which follows, should delight the soul of the New Englander, with its vivid pictures of Scroobey and Austerfield in the North Country, and the homes in which Bradford and Brewster first saw the light.

Ecton, the English home of the Franklins, Sulgrave with its historic manor, the early home of the Washingtons and Great Brington and Little Brington the charming villages where they lived later, are other delightful stopping places in this fascinating tour.

A visit to beautiful Penshurst, in Kent, home of Algernon Sidney, friend and counsellor of William Penn, and of the knightly Sir Philip, is followed by "A Penn Pilgrimage;" and glimpses of "Virginia and Maryland Landmarks" and of "Shrines in and out of London," complete the itinerary.

The book is written in the affable and polished style which is familiar to Miss Wharton's hosts of readers and which makes her one of the most agreeable of travelling companions.